THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The target of production of crude oil during 1998-99 is 34.72 MMT. The production during April, 1998 to January, 1999 has been 27.465 MMT.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been undertaken to enhance oil recovery from Bombay High oil-fields:—

(i) Acquired 3-D seismic data for better understanding of the complexities of the multi-layered reservoir of Bombay High field.

(ii) Drilling of in-fill wells to exploit by passed/undrained parts of the giant field.

(iii) Re-distribution of injection water for improved conformance.

(iv) Re-completion of poor performing wells.

(v) Reservoir consultant of International repute have been engaged by ONGC for planning the future development strategy to improve the recovery from the field.

(vi) Services of the experts hired on application of Gel technology and on trial basis in some identified wells for controlling excessive gas and water production.

(vii) Feasibility study of EOR methods.

Dismal performance of Bombay High

1816. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that among the oil fields, the performance of Bombay High was dismal during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the poor performance of the Bombay High; and

(d) the steps taken to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The crude oil production from Bombay High during 1998-99 upto Feb., 1999 has been 10.642 MMT as against target of 11.110 MMT *i.e.* about 96% achievement.

(c) The main producing reservoirs of Bombay High field have entered the natural declining phase. Some of the wells are flowing with high Gas Oil Ratio and increasing water cut.

(d) To improve the performance of the field, a monitorable action plan as prepared by the Expert Committee is under implementation which includes:—

(i) Reservoir characterisation for better understanding of the complexities of the multi-layered reservoir of Bombay High field through the recently acquired 3-D seismic data.

(ii) Drilling of in-fill wells to exploit by passed/undrained parts of the giant field.

(iii) Re-distribution of injection water for improved conformance.

(iv) Re-completion of poor performing wells.

(v) Reservoir consultant of International repute have been engaged by ONGC for planning the future development strategy to improve the recovery from the field.

(vi) Services of the experts hired on application of Gel technology on trial basis in some identified wells for controlling excessive gas and water production and conformance control in injectors.

Vacant posts in PSUs/Boards

1817. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of top vacancies of Chairman/Managing Directors/Director etc. that are still lying vacant in various

PSUs/Boards/Committees which are functioning under the control of the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation for the last two years, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not filling up the posts and by when these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are no PSUs/Boards/Committees etc. under the control of the Ministry of Planning & Programme Implementations. Hence the question of vacancies does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Special Development Plan for Tribal Areas of Orissa

1818. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special development plan for Tribal areas of Orissa, particularly Kalahandi, Koraput and Bolangir has been prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the plan is implemented in true spirit to benefit the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) In order to focus on high priority schemes which would deal with the basic problems of the tribal areas of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi, the Government of Orissa has prepared the Revised Long Term Action Plan (1998-99 to 2006-07) which comprises of Central Plan Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes in various sectors, namely, agriculture, horticulture, watershed development, afforestation, irrigation, health, drinking water, emergency feeding, welfare of SCs/STs and rural connectivity.

In addition to the normal flow of funds under Central Plans and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, various steps have been taken to ensure some additional funding to these districts in 1998-99. These include doubling of the first instalment of funds under Employment Assurance Scheme and provision of additionality of Rs. 37 crore in the Annual Plan 1998-99 of Orissa for these districts. Further Rs. 7 crore has been provided for Emergency Feeding Programme and Rs. 2 crore for Mobile Health Units under Basic Minimum Services.

(c) In order to ensure effective implementation of the Plan, the following steps are being taken by the Central and the State Governments; (i) Regular meetings are being held in the Planning Commission with representatives of the State Government and the Central Ministers in order to ensure smooth flow of funds to the regions. (ii) The State Government has reported that (a) a Senior Officer in the rank of Commissioner has been appointed as Administrator (Special Projects) and his headquarters shall be at Koraput, (b) It has also been decided to constitute a project level Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to review implementation of the Revised Action Plan, and (c) It has been decided to constitute a State level Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister with Representatives of Govt. of India, Members of Parliament and Members of the State Legislative Assembly.